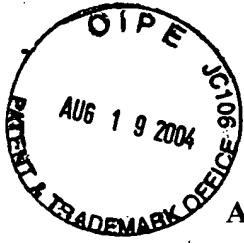


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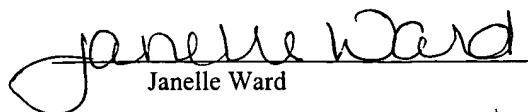
Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the disclosures listed on the attached form (PTO-1449) be made of record in the above-identified case. A copy of the listed items are enclosed. All of the references are in English.

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To the best of Applicants' knowledge, this information disclosure statement is being filed before the date of mailing of a first Office Action on the merits in connection with this case.

However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency as well as any other fee(s) which may become due under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 and/or §1.17 at any time during the pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment of such fee(s) to Deposit Account 04-1121. Also, in the event any extensions of time for responding and/or a petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h) is required for the pending application(s), please treat this paper as a petition to extend the time and/or enter this Information Disclosure Statement as required and charge Deposit Account No. 04-1121 therefor. **TWO (2) COPIES OF THIS SHEET ARE ENCLOSED.**

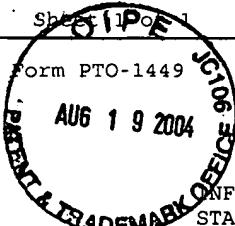
The claims of the application as now presented are believed to patentably distinguish over the prior art and to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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